# **ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT**

# FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT

# TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To The Honorable Judges *En Banc* **Orleans Parish Juvenile Court** New Orleans, Louisiana

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information, and the related notes to the financial statements of **Orleans Parish Juvenile Court (OPJC)** as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, which collectively comprise **OPJC's** basic financial statements as listed in the <u>Table of Contents</u>.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express our opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

To The Honorable Judges *En Banc* **Orleans Parish Juvenile Court** New Orleans, Louisiana

### Auditors' Responsibility, Continued

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to **OPJC's** preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of **OPJC's** internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the basic financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

**OPJC** was not able to resolve on December 22, 2021 issues related to the completeness in recorded net position. As such, were unable to apply sufficient auditing procedures in this area. (See audit finding reference number 2020-001 and NOTE 15 for additional discussion).

To The Honorable Judges *En Banc* **Orleans Parish Juvenile Court** New Orleans, Louisiana

### **Qualified Opinion**

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In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to examine evidence regarding the completeness in recorded net position, the financial statements previously referred to present fairly, in all material respects, the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of **OPJC** as of December 31, 2020 and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Other Matters**

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 6 through 15, and budgetary comparison information on pages 38 through 40 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

To The Honorable Judges *En Banc* **Orleans Parish Juvenile Court** New Orleans, Louisiana

### Other Matters, Continued

#### Other Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming our opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise **OPJC's** basic financial statements. Schedules III through VII as listed in the <u>Table of Contents</u> are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedules previously referred to are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to examine evidence regarding the completeness in recorded net position, Schedules III through VII are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

To The Honorable Judges *En Banc* **Orleans Parish Juvenile Court** New Orleans, Louisiana

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 22, 2021, on our consideration of **OPJC's** internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering **OPJC's** internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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December 22, 2021

### Introduction to the Two Types of Financial Statements

As financial managers for Orleans Parish Juvenile Court (OPJC), we offer readers of these financial statements an overview and analysis of the financial activities of OPJC. This narrative is designed to assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, identify changes in OPJC's financial position, identify any material deviations from the approved budget documents, and identify individual fund issues or concerns. **OPJC** uses governmental and fiduciary funds. The fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The fiduciary activities are reported in a Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. The fund financial statements (Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance), show the results of operations and financial position using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, emphasizing the change in fund balance as a result of the current year's operations as well as the amount of resources available to spend. The governmentwide financial statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities), show the results of operations and financial position using the total economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, which emphasize the long-term financial picture and are very similar to the financial statements of private-sector for-profit enterprises.

**OPJC** is the fiduciary for ensuring that the assets reported in the fiduciary fund are used for their intended purposes. All of the fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. We exclude these activities from **OPJC's** government-wide financial statements because **OPJC** cannot use these assets to *finance* its operations.

The difference in *measurement focus* affects the types of transactions and events that are reported in the operating statement. Specifically, since *fund* statements are concerned with only *current* financial resources, noncurrent assets and liabilities, as applicable are not shown on the Balance Sheet, and their related expenses are not reflected in the operating statements; *government-wide* financial statements *include* noncurrent assets and liabilities and their related expenses. Because the fund level statements reflect current financial resources, the full purchase price of capital assets in 2020 and 2019 for **OPJC** was \$-0- and \$86,718, respectively. In contrast, since the *government-wide* statements focus on *total* economic resources, capital assets are shown as noncurrent assets on the Statement of Net Position (with their related accumulated depreciation), and a portion of their purchase price has been allocated as depreciation expense on the Statement of Activities, as is the practice in private-sector enterprises. On the liability side, the fund-level Balance Sheet and the government-wide Statement of Net Position have no long-term obligations at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

# Introduction to the Two Types of Financial Statements, Continued

The second difference between fund and government-wide financial statements is the basis of accounting, or the timing of the recognition of transactions and events. *Fund* statements use the *modified accrual* basis of accounting, which recognizes revenues when they are earned, only so long as they are collectible within the fiscal period, and expenditures when they are due (hence the elimination of long-term liabilities from the Balance Sheet). The government-wide financial statements and the fiduciary fund use the *full accrual* basis of accounting: revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred, regardless of the timing of the receipt or disbursement. In layman's terms, fund financial statements focus on the current fiscal year, and the resources that are available and spendable, and government-wide statements focus on the overall economic position, both short and long term. Chart 1 summarizes these differences.

#### CHART 1:

# **Overview of Difference in Funds and Government-Wide Financial Statements**

	Government-Wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Government (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of <b>OPJC</b> that are not fiduciary	Instances in which OPJC is the agent for someone else's resources
Required financial statements	Statement of net position	Balance sheet	Statement of fiduciary net position
	Statement of activities	Statement of revenues expenditures, and changes in fund balance	

# **CHART 1:, CONTINUED**

# Overview of Difference in Funds and Government-Wide Financial Statements, Continued

	Government-Wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial, short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long term; the fiduciary funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/ outflow	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year, expenditures when goods or services have been received	All agency funds received or paid during the year

The *presentation* of the two sets of financial statements is also different. On the fund level, the Balance Sheet shows Assets, Liabilities, and *Fund Balance*, with a reconciliation to the net position figure which appears at the bottom of the government-wide Statement of Net Position. All assets and liabilities on the Balance Sheet are current. Fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The government-wide Statement of Net Position shows assets and liabilities, are separated into current and noncurrent, and *Net Position* (the difference between the two). All of **OPJC's** net position balance is unrestricted.

## **CHART 1:, CONTINUED**

### Overview of Difference in Funds and Government-Wide Financial Statements, Continued

A significant difference lies in the presentation of the operating statement. The fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance lists revenues followed by the detailed list of expenditures (separated into direct and indirect) and ends with the *fund balance reconciliation*. This familiar statement answers the question, "Did this year's operations increase or decrease fund balance?" (available financial resources). The L-shaped government-wide Statement of Activities, which is read across then down, answers the question "How much did it cost to provide this service?" so it begins with the expenses of each function, followed by *program revenues* (the specific revenues provided by users of the services), to derive at net (expense) revenue (the difference between program revenues and expenses). Reading down the net column, general revenues are added to calculate the change in net position, which is reconciled to net position at the end of the year.

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, the report also presents certain required and other supplementary information.

### **Using This Annual Report**

Our auditors have provided assurance in their independent auditors' report located immediately preceding this Management's Discussion and Analysis. That opinion is qualified with respect to the basic financial statements. Varying degrees of assurances are being provided by the auditors regarding the other information included in this report. A user of this report should read the independent auditors' report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts of this report.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND ANALYSIS

# How 2020 Compares with 2019 - Statement of Net Position

Chart 2 provides condensed information from the Statement of Net Position for 2020 and 2019.

### CHART 2:

### Statement of Net Position Comparative Data December 31,

	2020	2019
Current assets	\$1,547,928	\$1,459,308
Capital assets, net	98,242	137,300
Total assets	<u>1,646,170</u>	<u>1.596,608</u>
Current liabilities	_520,290	496,681
Total liabilities	520,290	<u>   496,681</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	98,242	137,300
Unrestricted	1,027,638	962,627
Total net position	\$ <u>1,125,880</u>	\$ <u>1,099,927</u>

For 2020, net position increased from \$1,099,927 in 2019 to \$1,125,880 representing a change in net position of \$25,953. The net change was the result of an increase in grant income from **OPJC's** funding sources to enhance service delivery in 2020.

For 2019, net position increased from \$1,054,967 in 2018 to \$1,099,927 representing a change in net position of \$44,960 consisting of a change in net position of \$41,480 and a prior adjustment of \$3,480. Further, the change was the result of a net decreases in on-behalf payments and corresponding increase in grant income from **OPJC's** funding sources to enhance service delivery.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED

### How 2020 compares with 2019 - Statement of Activities

Chart 3 below gives comparative data from the Statement of Activities for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019:

### CHART 3:

### **Statement of Activities Comparative Data**

For the Years Ended December 31,

	2020	2019
Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 60,050	\$ 69,235
Operating grants	1,805,199	1,732,280
On-behalf payments	2,363,210	2,389,429
Other income	<u>    18,769</u>	64,883
Total revenues	4,247,228	4,255,827
Expenses:	,	
Juvenile Court	4,221,275	<u>4,214,347</u>
Total expenses	4,221,275	4,214,347
Change in net position	25,953	41,480
Net position, as restated beginning of year	<u>1,099,927</u>	1,058,447
Net position, end of year	\$ <u>1,125,880</u>	\$ <u>1,099,927</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2020, total revenues decreased from \$4,255,827 in 2019 to \$4,247,228 in 2020. The decrease was primarily due to the level of funding obtained from agencies and service charges for its program service delivery. Further, the operation was impacted by various COVID-19 pandemic initiatives.

For the year ended December 31, 2019, total revenues increased from \$4,203,307 in 2018 to \$4,255,827 in 2019. The increase was primarily due to the level of funding obtained from other agencies to enhance program service delivery.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED

Total expenses for the year ended December 31, 2020 increased from \$4,214,347 in 2019 to \$4,221,275 in 2020 due to inflationary cost pressures in the categories of books, communication, office supplies and renovation coupled with COVID-19 response initiatives.

Comparatively, total expenses for the year ended December 31, 2019, increased from \$4,165,639 in 2018 to \$4,214,347 in 2019 due to inflationary costs pressures in the categories of books, printing and copying, equipment rental and maintenance.

#### **Budgetary Comparison Information**

OPJC adopts an annual budget for its General and Special Revenue Funds.

Chart 4 below shows the amounts for the original budget, final budget, and actual results for 2020 and 2019.

#### CHART 4:

### 2020 and 2019 Budgetary Comparison Data

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final Budget	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues	\$ <u>4,189,291</u>	\$ <u>4,353,582</u>	\$ <u>4,2</u> 47,228
Total revenues	4,189,291	4,353,582	<u>4,247,228</u>
Operating expenditures	<u>4,189,291</u>	4,353,582	4,182,217
Total expenditures	<u>4,189,291</u>	4,353,582	<u>4,182,217</u>
Total other financing sources	<u> </u>		0
Change in fund balance	\$ <u>0-</u>	\$ <u>0-</u>	65,011
Fund balance, beginning of year			962,627
Fund balance, end of year			\$ <u>1,027,638</u>

# **Budgetary Comparison Information, Continued**

The original budget adopted for the General and Special Revenue Funds by **OPJC** for 2020 was amended to reflect additional grant funds acquired during the fiscal year, increase in projections for current revenues, and increases in areas of related costs, and professional services. See page 40 for notes to the budgetary data information.

### CHART 4:

### 2020 and 2019 Budgetary Comparison Data, Continued

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual
Revenues	\$ <u>4,221,502</u>	\$ <u>4,290,441</u>	\$ <u>4,255,827</u>
Total revenues	<u>4,221,502</u>	<u>4,290,441</u>	<u>4,255,827</u>
Operating expenditures	<u>4,325,730</u>	<u>4,394,669</u>	4,254,045
Total expenditures	4,325,730	<u>4,394,669</u>	4,254,045
Total other financing sources		104,228	0
Change in fund balance	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	1,782
Fund balance, beginning of year			<u>960,845</u>
Fund balance, end of year			\$ <u>_962,627</u>

### **Economic and Other Factors**

### Coronavirus

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Corona Virus "COVID-19" as a global health emergency. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency. Management of **OPJC** continues to assess the impact of COVID-19 on its overall operations as it navigates through initiatives, guidelines and various executive orders mandated by the Governor for the State of Louisiana and the Mayor for the City of New Orleans.

### Cyber breach

**OPJC's** financial database application is located on the City of New Orleans' server and as a result was subjected to the cyber breach of December 8, 2019. **OPJC's** Information Technology and Innovation manager has and continues to work with the City's Information Technology department on recover all of its financial management system, to include all related data through the cyber breach date of December 8, 2019. See NOTE 15 for additional discussion.

## **Overall Analysis**

The overall increase in cash of \$160,892 at December 31, 2020 was due to a combination of factors resulting from a change in net position to include the amounts in receivables and payables. The change in net position of \$25,953 results primarily from a combination of cost containment and slight increases in grants for service delivery.

Comparatively, the overall increase in cash of \$14,934 at December 31, 2019 was due to a combination of factors resulting from a change in net position to include the amounts in receivables and payables. The net increase in capital assets of \$47,020 results from purchases of capital assets of \$86,718 less depreciation expense of \$47,020 for the year ended December 31, 2019. The change in net position of \$41,480 results primarily from a combination of cost containment and slight increases in grants and on-behalf payments to enhance program service delivery.

# **Requests for Information**

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This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the finances of **OPJC** for all interested parties in its finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Fiscal Administrator for **OPJC**, 1100 Milton Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

# **ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT** STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets: Cash (NOTE 2) Restricted cash (NOTES 2 and 3) Grants receivable Prepaid items and other assets	\$1,066,279 250,000 221,339 <u>10,310</u>
Total current assets	1.547.928
Noncurrent Assets: Capital assets, net (NOTE 5)	<u>98,242</u>
Total noncurrent assets	98,242
Total assets	<u>1,646,170</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Interfund payables, net (NOTE 4) Deferred revenue	142,410 370,231 7,649
Total current liabilities	520,290
Noncurrent liabilities	
Total liabilities	_520,290
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets (NOTE 5) Unrestricted	98,242 <u>1,027,638</u>
Total net position	\$ <u>1,125,880</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

### ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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Expenses	<u>Program R</u> Charges for <u>Services</u>	evenues Operating <u>Grants</u>	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in <u>Net Position</u>
\$ <u>4,221,275</u>	\$ <u>60,050</u>	\$ <u>1,805,199</u>	\$ <u>(2,356,026</u> )
\$ <u>4,221,275</u>	\$ <u>60,050</u>	\$ <u>1,805,199</u>	\$(2,356,026)
			2,363,210 
			2,381,979
			25,953
			1,099,927
			\$ <u>1,125,880</u>
	\$ <u>4,221,275</u>	Charges for Expenses Services \$4,221,275 \$60,050	<u>Expenses Services Grants</u> \$ <u>4,221,275</u> \$ <u>60,050</u> \$ <u>1,805,199</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

#### ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT BALANCE SHEET- GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2020

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### ASSETS

	General <u>Fund</u>	Special Revenue Fund	Total <u>Governmental</u>
Cash	\$ 832,904	\$233,375	\$ 1,066,279
Restricted cash	250,000	-0-	250,000
Grants receivable	221,339	-0-	221,339
Interfund receivables	35	99,585	99,620
Prepaid items and other assets	10,153	157	<u>    10,310</u>
Total assets	<u>1,314,431</u>	<u>333,117</u>	1,647,548
	<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	142,286	124	142,410
Interfund payables	469,816	35	469,851
Deferred revenue	7,649		7,649
Total liabilities	<u>619,751</u>	<u> </u>	619,910
	FUND BALANCE	<u>S</u>	
Nonspendable	10,153	-0-	10,153
Committed	-0-	332,958	332,958
Unassigned	684,527	-0-	684,527
Total fund balances	694,680	<u>332,958</u>	1,027,638
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental fund at the fund level.			
Governmental capital assets Less: accumulated depreciation	1,409,528 n <u>(1,311,286</u> )	-0- 	1,409,528 <u>(1.311,286</u> )
Net position	\$ <u>792,922</u>	\$ <u>332,958</u>	\$ <u>1,125,880</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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#### ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total <u>Governmental</u>
REVENUES			
On-behalf payments for salaries and			
fringe benefits	\$2,363,210	\$ -0-	\$2,363,210
Grant income	838,573	-0-	838,573
Contractual services	966,626	-0-	966,626
Court costs	14,942	-0-	14,942
Fines and fees	28,333	16,775	45,108
Other income	18,769	-0-	18,769
Total revenues	4,230,453	16,775	4,247,228
EXPENDITURES			
Direct:			
Salaries and fringe benefits through			
on-half payments	2,363,210	-0-	2,363,210
Salaries	265,330	-0-	265,330
Fringe benefits	91,103	-0-	91,103
Court reporter and interpreter fees	20,690	-0-	20,690
Juvenile transportation and drug testing	877		877
Total direct expenditures	2,741,210		<u>2,741.210</u>
Indirect:			
Books, printing and copying	15,450	-0-	15,450
Communication	35,456	-0-	35,456
Equipment rental and maintenance	33,974	-0-	33,974
Insurance	24,185	-0-	24,185
Office supplies and expenditures	80,730	-0-	80,730
Professional services	1,029,549	-0-	1,029,549
Professional education and dues	33,729	-0-	33,729
Record storage	51,154	-0-	51,154
Renovation/improvements	55,303	-0-	55,303
Equipment, furniture and computer software	57,343	-0-	57,343
Other expenditures	24,123	11	24,134
Total indirect expenditures	<u>1,440,996</u>	11	<u>1,441,007</u>
Total expenditures	<u>4,182,206</u>	11	<u>4,182,217</u>
Change in fund balances	48,247	<u>   16,764</u>	65,011
Fund balances, beginning of year	646,433	<u>316,194</u>	962,627
Fund balances, end of year	\$ <u>694,680</u>	\$ <u>332,958</u>	\$ <u>1,027,638</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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# ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Net change in fund balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 65,011
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which	
depreciation expense exceeds capital outlay	<u>(39,058</u> )
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ <u>25,953</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2020

# ASSETS

Cash Interfund receivables	\$146,947 <u>395,577</u>
Total assets	<u>542,524</u>
LIABILITIES	
Fines collections payable	52,042
Interfund payables	25,346
Bonds outstanding	356,664
Unprocessed payments	108,472
Total liabilities	<u>542,524</u>
Net position	\$ <u>0-</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# NOTE 1 - BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES :

### Background

The Louisiana Constitution of 1921 provided the foundation for the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court (OPJC) as it exists today. Five (5) elected judges serve as the governing body of OPJC. OPJC has exclusive juvenile jurisdiction in Orleans Parish including, but not limited to abuse, neglect, delinquency, traffic, non-support issues, and all other administrative and judicial matters involving juveniles in Orleans Parish, Louisiana.

### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of **OPJC** have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999 and as amended.

## Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14, as subsequently amended by GASB Statement Nos. 39 and 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, established standards for defining and reporting on the financial entity. GASB Statement No. 14 indicates the focal point for identifying the financial reporting entity is the primary government, which is considered to be any state government or general purpose local government or a special purpose government that meets all of the following criteria: a) has a separately elected governing body; b) is legally separate; and c) is fiscally independent of other state and local governments.

# NOTE 1 - <u>BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

### Reporting Entity, Continued

In addition, **OPJC** is financially independent of other governments. Although **OPJC** conducts its business from a building provided by the City of New Orleans as discussed in NOTE 5, this support is considered incidental in relation to **OPJC's** total revenues and expenditures.

Accordingly, management has concluded that **OPJC** is the financial reporting entity within the meaning of the provisions of GASB Statement Nos. 14, 39 and 61.

### Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all activities of **OPJC**. **OPJC** is considered to be a governmental activity of a special purpose government.

**OPJC's** Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the expenses of a given function are offset by function revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Indirect costs are included in expenses reported by function. Program revenues include charges for services and operating grants.

# NOTE 1 - <u>BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

### Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements, Continued

Separate financial statements are provided for **OPJC's** governmental funds. **OPJC's** government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, **OPJC** considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

**OPJC** reports its governmental funds as follows:

### General Fund

The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources of **OPJC**.

The operations of the General Fund are comprised of the General Fund's assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures, as related to the fiscal operations of **OPJC**.

Fund balance is reported as spendable and nonspendable. The unassigned classification represents amounts not restricted, assigned or committed. The nonspendable represents amounts not in a spendable form.

# NOTE 1 - <u>BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

### Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements, Continued

#### Net Position

**OPJC** has implemented GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting* of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflow of Resources, and Net Position. This standard provides guidance for reporting the financial statement elements of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Deferred outflows represent the consumption of the government's net position that is applicable to a future reporting period. Deferred inflows represent the acquisition of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period.

Because deferred outflows and deferred inflows are, by definition, neither assets nor liabilities, the statement of net assets, title is now referred to as the statement of net position. The statement of net position reports net position as the difference between all other elements in a statement of net position and should be displayed in three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted net position (distinguishing between major categories of restrictions), and unrestricted net position.

<u>Net investment in capital assets</u> - This component of net position consists of capital assets, net accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the position of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in this component of net position. Rather, that portion is included in the same component of net position as the unspent proceeds.

# NOTE 1 - <u>BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

### Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements, Continued

General Fund, Continued

<u>Restricted</u> - This component reports the net position with externally imposed constraints placed on their use by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Unrestricted</u> - Unrestricted net position is the balance (deficit) of all other elements in a statement of net position remaining after net investment in capital assets and restricted net position.

Salaries of the Judges of **OPJC**, which are paid directly by the Supreme Court of Louisiana, are not included in the financial statements presented herein since such salaries are earned by the respective Judges for serving in their capacities as State Judges and not for compensation in their roles as management of **OPJC**.

The Judges receive no compensation for serving in their capacity as Judges *En Banc* of **OPJC**.

Additionally, **OPJC** has no authority in the determination of these salary amounts or the duties of these individuals in their capacities as State Judges. For the same reasons, certain expenditures incurred by these Judges and paid directly by the Supreme Court of Louisiana are likewise excluded from these financial statements.

#### Special Revenue Fund

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Because the restriction is for specified purposes, the fund balance is reported as committed.

# NOTE 1 - <u>BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

# Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements, Continued

#### Fiduciary Fund

Fiduciary Fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position.

**OPJC's** Fiduciary Fund accounts for assets held by **OPJC** as an agent. This fund is custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and does not involve measurement of results of operations. Consequently, **OPJC's** Fiduciary Fund has no measurement focus, but uses the accrual basis of accounting.

#### **Budgets**

At a public meeting on December 18, 2019, the Judges *En Banc* adopted a budget for the year ended December 31, 2020. Further, in compliance with the Budget Act, the Judges *En Banc* adopted a budget for the year ended December 31, 2020 on December 20, 2021.

As further described in NOTE 10, salary and fringe benefit payments made by the City of New Orleans and the Louisiana Supreme Court on behalf of **OPJC** are included as revenues and personnel costs in the accompanying financial statements for the General Fund. These on-behalf payments are budgeted for, and controlled by the City of New Orleans and the Louisiana Supreme Court. As previously described, because the City of New Orleans and the Louisiana Supreme Court have responsibility for the referenced budgets, any budget variances resulting from on-behalf payments do not constitute violations of Louisiana statutes.

# NOTE 1 - <u>BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

### <u>Cash</u>

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits. Under state law, **OPJC** may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States of America.

### **Interfund Receivables and Payables**

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds. These receivables and payables are classified as interfund receivables and payables on the balance sheet. Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the statement of net position for a resulting net interfund receivable or payable.

### Prepaid Items and Other Assets

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. **OPJC** maintains a threshold level of \$2,500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

# NOTE 1 - <u>BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

#### Capital Assets, Continued

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and depreciation is recorded in the Statement of Activities. Since assets are scrapped when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated Lives
Vehicles	5 years
Computer equipment	5 years
Office equipment	5 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 years
Leasehold improvements	15 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the fund upon acquisition. Capital assets reported herein include only those assets purchased by **OPJC** and do not reflect assets obtained and used from other sources.

#### Compensated Absences

Contract employees compensated under various grants earn "paid time off" only on a semi-monthly basis. At year end, accrued leave earned but unused by those contract employees, if any, is rolled over and paid, or expires within six months after year end. At December 31, 2020 there were no contract employees who had earned "paid time off" that was unpaid.

## NOTE 1 - <u>BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

### Interfund Transactions

Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed. Nonrecurring or non-routine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transactions are reported as transfers.

#### <u>Use of Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Fund Balance Reporting

**OPJC** has adopted GASB Statement No. 54. The reporting standard established a hierarchy for fund balance classifications and the constraints imposed on the uses of those resources.

GASB Statement No. 54 provides for two major types of fund balances, which are nonspendable and spendable. Nonspendable fund balances are balances that cannot be spent because they are not expected to be converted to cash or they are legally or contractually required to remain intact. **OPJC** has prepaid items and other assets that are considered nonspendable.

# NOTE 1 - <u>BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>, CONTINUED:

### Fund Balance Reporting, Continued

In addition to the nonspendable fund balance, GASB Statement No. 54 has provided a hierarchy of spendable fund balances, based on a hierarchy of spending constraints.

<u>Restricted</u>: fund balances that are constrained by external parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.

<u>Committed</u>: fund balances that contain self-imposed constraints of the government from its highest level of decision making authority.

<u>Assigned</u>: fund balances that contain self-imposed constraints of the government to be used for a particular purpose.

<u>Unassigned</u>: fund balance of the general fund that is not constrained for any particular purpose.

**OPJC** has classified its fund balance within the following hierarchy:

Nonspendable: **OPJC's** prepaid expenses are classified as nonspendable.

<u>Spendable</u>: **OPJC** currently has no funds classified as restricted or assigned. Committed fund balance represents legally restricted expenses while the remaining fund balance is unassigned.

### Restricted and Unrestricted Resources

It is **OPJC's** practice to first apply restricted resources when expenses are unearned for the restricted purpose.

# NOTE 1 - BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED:

### New Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 84 (Fiduciary Activities). This Statement established criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The requirements of this Statement have been postponed for periods beginning after June 15, 2021.

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87 (Leases). It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financing of right to use an underlying asset. The requirements of this Statement have been postponed for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021.

#### Restricted and Unrestricted Resources

It is **OPJC's** practice to first apply restricted resources when expenses are incurred for the restricted purpose.

### NOTE 2 - <u>CASH</u>:

At December 31, 2020, **OPJC's** total cash in demand deposit accounts was \$1,316,279, composed of \$1,082,904 of cash and restricted cash in the General Fund and \$233,375 in the Special Revenue Fund. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market.

Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

### NOTE 2 - <u>CASH</u>, CONTINUED:

**OPJC** maintains non-interest bearing accounts at a local bank. At December 31, 2020, **OPJC** has a carrying balance of \$1,316,279 and \$1,463,314 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance and unsecured from risk by \$1,878,814 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in event of a failure of financial institution or counterparty, **OPJC** would not be able to recover its deposits, investments, or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

### NOTE 3 - <u>RESTRICTED CASH</u>:

Restricted cash at December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$250,000 represents funds held on behalf of others. See NOTE 2.

### NOTE 4 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:

Interfund receivables and payables at December 31, 2020 consisted of interfund advances between the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Fiduciary Fund as follows:

	Interfund <u>Receivable</u>	Interfund <u>Payable</u>
General Fund	\$ 35	\$469,816
Special Revenue Fund	99,585	35
Fiduciary Fund	<u>395,577</u>	25,346
	\$ <u>495,197</u>	\$ <u>495,197</u>

The net of the interfund activities between the General and Special Revenue Funds results in a net interfund payable of \$370,231 at December 31, 2020.

#### NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS, NET:

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets and accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2020:

	Balance December 31, 2019	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2020
Vehicles	\$ 154,254	<b>\$ -</b> 0-	\$ -0-	\$ 154,254
Computer equipment and			• -	+ ·, <b></b> ·
software	973,909	-0-	-0-	973,909
Office equipment	217,406	-0-	-0-	217,406
Furniture and fixtures	63,959	-0-	-0-	63,959
Leasehold improvements	-0-	-0-	0-	-0-
Total capital assets	1,409,528	-0-	-0-	1,409,528
Less: accumulated				
depreciation	(1,272,228)	<u>(39,058</u> )	0-	<u>(1.311,286</u> )
Capital assets, net	\$ <u>137,300</u>	\$ <u>(39,058</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>98,242</u>

Depreciation expense charged for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$39,058.

The building which **OPJC** occupies and uses to conduct its operations is owned by the City of New Orleans. However, **OPJC** does not pay rent to the City.

#### NOTE 6 - BONDS OUTSTANDING:

Bonds outstanding represent monies paid by defendants for their release from court custody. The amount of each bond will be reimbursed to the defendant upon his/her appearance for trial and/or will be forfeited towards arrearage due for fines, fees, or non-support. Management would endeavor to have on hand up to \$250,000 for any unclaimed bonds payable.

#### NOTE 7 - UNPROCESSED PAYMENTS:

Unprocessed payments represent monies received from individuals which includes, but is not limited to, restitution, unclaimed bonds and child support.

#### NOTE 8 - OPERATING LEASES:

**OPJC** leases office equipment under a non-cancellable operating lease terminating in December 2022. Lease expense for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$23,232.

At December 31, 2020, future minimum rental payments under the above leases are as follows:

## Year Ending December 31,

2021	\$20,064
2022	20,064
Thereafter	

\$<u>40,128</u>

#### NOTE 9 - <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u>:

**OPJC** is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, or damage to and destruction of assets. The City of New Orleans provides commercial insurance for **OPJC** in amounts sufficient to insure **OPJC** against claims resulting from any of those risks. In addition, **OPJC** provides its own insurance coverage for crime and property.

#### NOTE 10 - EXPENSES OF THE COURT PAID BY OTHERS:

The accompanying financial statements do not include certain portions of **OPJC's** expenses paid directly by other governmental entities. Expenses for **OPJC** paid by the City of New Orleans include courtroom space, office space, utilities, insurance, and certain capital improvements. The Louisiana Supreme Court provides for the services of the Judges of **OPJC**.

Major portions of the salaries and related benefits of **OPJC's** administrative and support staff are also paid by other governmental entities. Salary and fringe benefit payments made by the City of New Orleans and the Louisiana Supreme Court, in the amounts of \$1,769,558 and \$593,653, respectively, are included in the accompanying financial statements for the General Fund as revenues and personnel costs. The fringe benefit payments noted above, made by the City of New Orleans on behalf of **OPJC** include contributions of \$254,551 to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of the City of New Orleans.

Personnel of **OPJC** are classified as non-exempt employees of the City of New Orleans. As such, the reporting requirements of GASB 75 (Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post Employment Benefits Other than Pension) effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017 are accounted for in the financial statements of the City of New Orleans.

In addition to the expenses mentioned above, **OPJC** received \$966,626 of funding from city appropriations, which is included in contractual services in the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances.

#### NOTE 11 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK:

**OPJC** receives on behalf payments and appropriations from the City of New Orleans. If the amount of revenues received from the City of New Orleans falls below planned levels, **OPJC's** operating results could be adversely affected.

### NOTE 12 - FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS:

**OPJC** participates in a number of federally assisted programs. **OPJC's** programs have been audited in prior years in accordance with the *Uniform Guidance*. Audits of prior years have not resulted in any disallowed costs; however, grantor agencies may provide for future examinations. **OPJC's** management believes that future examinations would not result in any significant disallowed costs.

#### NOTE 13 - <u>PER DIEM</u>:

The Judges serving in their capacity as the governing board for the **OPJC** received no per diem payments.

#### NOTE 14 - <u>CORONAVIRUS</u>:

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Corona Virus "COVID-19" as a global health emergency. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency. Management of **OPJC** continues to assess the impact of COVID-19 on its overall operations as it navigates through initiatives guidelines and various executive orders mandated by the Governor for the State of Louisiana and the Mayor for the City of New Orleans.

# NOTE 15 - <u>CYBER BREACH</u>:

**OPJC's** financial database application is located on the City of New Orleans server and as a result was subject to the cyber breach on December 8, 2019. **OPJC's** Information Technology and Innovation manager has and continues to work with the City's Information Technology department on recover of all of its financial management system, include all related data through the cyber breach date of December 8, 2019.

Management has procured a software that is "cloud based" to manage any future potential loss.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

#### **ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT**

# SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - BUDGETARY BASIS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General Fund			Special Revenue Fund						
	Final Budgeted Actual Amounts Amounts		Variance with Budget Over (Under)		Final Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts		Variance with Budget Over (Under)	
REVENUES										
On-behalf payments for salaries and										
fringe benefits	\$ 2,490,537	\$ 2,363,210	\$	(127,327)	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	-0-
Grant income	820,699	838,573	Ψ	17,874	•	-0-	÷	-0-	J)	-0- -0-
Contractual services	966,626	966,626		-0-		-0-		-0-		-0-
Court costs	32,470	14,942		(17,528)		-0-		-0-		-0-
Fines and fees	42,000	28,333		(13,667)		-0-		16,775	\$	16,775
Other income	1,250	18,769		17,519		-0-		-0-	φ	-0-
Total revenues	4,353,582	4,230,453		(123,129)		-0-		16,775	\$	16,775
EXPENDITURES										
Salaries and fringe benefits through										
on-behalf payments	2,490,537	2,363,210		127,327		-0-		0		0
Salaries	262,000	265,330		(3,330)		-0-		-0- -0-		-0-
Fringe benefits	120,499	91,103		29,396		-0-		-0- -0-		-0-
Court reporter and interpreter fees	18,679	20,690		(2,011)		-0- -0-		-0-		-0-
Juvenile transportation and drug testing	1,000	877		123		-0-		-0- -0-		-0-
Books, printing and copying	7,500	15,450		(7,950)		-0-		-0-		-0- -0-
Communication	21,000	35,456		(14,456)		-0-		-0- -0-		-0- -0-
Equipment rental and maintenance	30,032	33,974		(3,942)		-0-		-0-		-0-
Insurance	27,486	24,185		3,301		-0-		-0-		-0-
Office supplies and materials	41,106	80,730		(39,624)		-0-		-0-		-
Professional services	1,175,463	1,029,549		145,914		-0-		-0-		-0-
Professional education and dues	53,000	33,729		19,271		-0-		-0-		-0-
Record storage	48,000	51,154		(3,154)		-0-		-0- -0-		-0-
Renovation/improvements	12,000	55,303		(43,303)		-0-		-0-		-0-
Equipment, furniture and computer software	29,460	57,343		(27,883)		-0-		-0- -0-		-0-
Other expenditures	15,820	24,123		(8,303)		-0-	\$	-0-	\$	-0- (11)
Total expenditures	4,353,582	4,182,206		171,376	-	-0-	<u> </u>	11	\$	(11)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues										
over (under) expenditures before										
other financing sources (uses)	-0-	48,247		48,247	-	-0-		16,764		16,764
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)										
Transfer from (to) other funds	-0-	-0-		-0-		0-		-0-		-0-
Total other financing										
sources (uscs)	-0-	-0-		-0-		0-		-0-		-0-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-0-	48,247	¢	18 317		n		16 764	¢	16 77 -
		40,247	\$	48,247	-	0-		16,764	<u>\$</u>	16,764
Fund balances, beginning of year		646,433						316,194		
Fund balances, end of year		\$ 694,680					\$ 3	332,958		

#### SCHEDULE II

# ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT SCHEDULE OF BUDGETARY TO GAAP RECONCILIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 (UNAUDITED)

The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budgeted and Actual presents comparison of **OPJC's** legally adopted original budget and final (non-GAAP basis) with actual data on a budgetary basis. The accounting principles applied by **OPJC** for the purposes of developing data for its budget differs from those used to present the basic financial statements (GAAP Basis).

A reconciliation of the previously described basis follows:

Excess of expenditures over revenues (budgetary basis)	\$ 65,011
Adjustments:	
Amount by which accumulated depreciation	
capital outlays, net of retirements exceed	
accumulated depreciation	<u>(39,058</u> )
Change in net position	\$ <u>25,953</u>

#### **SCHEDULE II, CONTINUED**

## ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT NOTES TO BUDGETARY DATA INFORMATION

In mid-October, preparation of the future year's budget begins with a meeting which includes the Chief Judge, the Judicial Administrator and the Fiscal Administrator to discuss any guidance that has been provided by the City and to assess the current year's budget as it might inform projections for the upcoming year. Based on the results of that meeting, the Fiscal Administrator then prepares a draft. After review and input from the Judges, the final draft is put on hold until the City finalizes and approves its budget which details what funds will be available to **OPJC** for its operations in the upcoming year. The final draft may need to be amended to reflect the actual amount appropriated to **OPJC**.

Any needed amendments are discussed with the Chief Judge and the Judicial Administrator and an amended final budget is prepared for presentation to the Judges En Banc for final review and approval.

Once the budget is approved by the Judges En Banc, the steps outlined in LSA-R.S. 39:1301 et seq. are implemented. Those provisions require **OPJC** to advertise, thirty days in advance thereof, the date, place and time of a public hearing for the adoption of the future year's budget. The proposed budget is available for inspection by members of the public prior to the hearing. At the hearing the proceedings are recorded and the Judges are available to address any issues or concerns raised by any members of the public.

The **OPJC** budget is generally approved and adopted in December of the preceding year.

The Fiscal Administrator is charged with the responsibility of supervising staff in the monitoring of revenues and expenditures to insure that **OPJC** operates within its approved budget.

# OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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# **SCHEDULE III**

# ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT COMBINING BALANCE SHEET SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Case Processing Fund	Bond Escrow Fund	Special Probation <u>Fund</u>	Traffic <u>Fund</u>	Total
ASSETS					
Cash	\$46,231	\$15,405	\$ 79,110	\$ 92,629	\$233,375
Interfund receivables	13,610	4,800	37,475	43,700	99,585
Other	157	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		157
Total assets	\$ <u>59,998</u>	\$ <u>20,205</u>	\$ <u>116,585</u>	\$ <u>136,329</u>	\$ <u>333,117</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND B. Liabilities:	ALANCES				
Fine	\$ 25	89	-0-	10	124
Interfund	35	-0-			35
Total liabilities	60	<u> </u>		10	159
Fund balances:					
Committed	<u>59,938</u>	<u>20.116</u>	<u>116,585</u>	<u>136,319</u>	<u>332,958</u>
Total fund balances	<u>59,938</u>	<u>20,116</u>	<u>116,585</u>	<u>136,319</u>	332,958
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ <u>59,998</u>	\$ <u>20,205</u>	\$ <u>116,585</u>	\$ <u>136,329</u>	\$ <u>333,117</u>

See Independent Auditors' Report on Supplementary Information.

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# ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Case Processing Fund	Bond Escrow Fund	Special Probation Fund	n Traffic <u>Fund</u>	Total
REVENUES					
Fines and fees	\$ <u>263</u>	\$ <u>2,226</u>	\$	\$ <u>14,286</u>	\$ <u>16,775</u>
Total revenues	263	2,226	-0-	_14,286	<u>   16,775</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Administrative costs	-0-	-0-	-0-	11	<u>11</u>
Total expenditures				11	11
TRANSFERS					
Transfers to other funds			-0-	<u>    -0-</u>	
Total transfers	0-			0-	
Change in fund balance	263	2,226	-()-	14,275	16,764
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>59,675</u>	<u>17,890</u>	<u>116,585</u>	<u>122,044</u>	<u>316,194</u>
Fund balances, end of year	\$ <u>59,938</u>	\$ <u>20,116</u>	\$ <u>116,585</u>	\$ <u>136,319</u>	\$ <u>332,958</u>

See Independent Auditors' Report on Supplementary Information.

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# SCHEDULE V

# ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AGENCY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Supporting Fund	Restitution <u>Fund</u>	Orleans Public Defender Program Fund	Bond <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 11,500	\$12,894	\$2,376	\$120,177	\$146,947
Interfund receivables	<u>134,866</u>	22,318	1,906	<u>236,487</u>	<u>395,577</u>
Total assets	<u>146,366</u>	<u>35,212</u>	<u>4,282</u>	<u>356,664</u>	<u>542,524</u>
LIABILITIES					
Fines collection payable	15,100	35,212	1,730	-0-	52,042
Interfund payables	22,794	-0-	2,552	-0-	25,346
Bonds outstanding	-0-	-0-	-0-	356,664	356,664
Unprocessed payments	<u>108,472</u>			-0-	108,472
Total liabilities	146 266	25 010	4 202	DEC CCA	540 504
Total hadilities	<u>146,366</u>	<u>35,212</u>	<u>4,282</u>	<u>356,664</u>	<u>542,524</u>
Net position	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>0-</u>

#### SCHEDULE VI

# **ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT** SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO CHIEF JUDGE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Chief Judge Name: Honorable Judge Candice Bates-Anderson

Purpose	Amount
Benefits - insurance Telephone Dues	\$4,731 758 790
	\$ <u>6,279</u>

NOTE: The salary and related benefits for the Chief Judge is paid directly by the Supreme Court of Louisiana. As such, the judge receives no compensation for serving in her capacity on the En Banc.

### ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE (COLLECTING/DISBURSING) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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	First Six Month Period Ended June 30, 2020	Second Six Month Period Ended <u>December 31, 2020</u>
Beginning cash on hand	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Add: Collections Filing fees Court fees probation Case processing fees Traffic Bond processing fees Adoption fees LA Judicial College Court costs Bonds Restitution Service fees	650 35 178 7,250 450 18,232 60 8,180 976 80	1,100 305 85 7,036 476 24,566 43 8,060 99 171
Subtotal collections	<u>36,091</u>	<u>41.941</u>
Less: Disbursements to Government and Non-profits Judges' Supplemental Fund Less: Amounts Retained by OPJC Subtotal disbursements retained	<u>    944</u> 28.847	<u>281</u> 21,240
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party or processing Agencies Curator Bonds Other	5,850 450 	9,000 11,250 <u>170</u>
Subtotal disbursements to individuals 3 <sup>rd</sup> party, etc.	<u>    6.300                               </u>	<u>20,420</u>
Total: Ending balance of amounts not disbursed	\$ <u>0-</u>	\$0



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To The Honorable Judges *En Banc* **Orleans Parish Juvenile Court** New Orleans, Louisiana

We have audited in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Controller General of the United States of America the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of **Orleans Parish Juvenile Court** (**OPJC**) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated December 22, 2021.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements, we considered **OPJC's** internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the basic financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of **OPJC's** internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of **OPJC's** internal control over financial control over financial reporting.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (CONTINUED)

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, Continued

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses may exist that were not identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control described in the accompanying Summary Schedule of Findings and Responses as item 2020-001 that we consider to be a material weakness, and item 2020-002 which we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of **OPJC's** financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected by **OPJC** on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weaknesses, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether **OPJC's** basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (CONTINUED)

#### **OPJC's Response to Findings**

**OPJC's** response to the internal control over financial reporting findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Summary Schedule of Finding and Response under the caption "Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action" and/or "Current Status." **OPJC's** response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of **OPJC's** internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* considering **OPJC's** internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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December 22, 2021

# Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

### **Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued:	Qualified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
<ul> <li>Material weakness(es) identified?</li> </ul>	Yes
<ul> <li>Significant deficiency(ies) identified?</li> </ul>	Yes
Noncompliance material to financial	
statements noted:	No
Federal Awards	
Internal control over major programs:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	Not Applicable
• Significant deficiency (ies) identified?	Not applicable
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Not Applicable
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Any audit findings disclosed that are	

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 510(a) of *the Uniform Guidance*?

Not Applicable

# Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results, Continued

# Federal Awards, Continued

Identification of Major Programs:

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

Not Applicable

Not Applicable

Not Applicable

# Section II - Financial Statement Findings and Responses

# **Reference Number**

2020-001

#### <u>Criteria</u>

Management is responsible for the design, implementation and operation of internal controls to safeguard assets of **OPJC**. Further the design and operation of **OPJC's** internal control should ensure that employees and management are able to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements in a timely manner in the course of performing their assigned functions.

### **Condition**

On December 8, 2019, **OPJC's** financial data base application to include other records generated using installed software for operations located on the City of New Orleans' server, were subjected to a cyber breach. As a result of the breach, **OPJC's** financial and other data were compromised for all data located on the server through October 31, 2019.

As a result of the reconstruction, and through the year ended December 31, 2020, the general ledger provided in connection with the current audit reflects a continued out of balance condition of \$56,302.

#### <u>Context</u>

Total assets, liabilities and net position at December 31, 2020 were \$1,646,170, \$520,290 and \$1,125,880.

#### **Questioned Costs**

None.

# Section II - Financial Statement Findings and Responses, Continued

#### <u>Reference Number</u>, Continued

2020-001

#### **Cause**

The result of a cyber breach on the City of New Orleans' server which "houses" **OPJC's** complete financial records and other data and subsequent reconstruction of the 2019 financial records.

#### Effect or Potential Effect

Impact of the referenced condition includes incomplete financial statements from which management and the en banc will rely on to make informed decisions.

#### **Recommendation**

We recommend that management continue its review and analysis of prepared financial statements for completeness and revisit with its current policies and procedures to ensure that it mitigates the potential for loss of records that may result from a potential cyber attack to include a system "crash".

#### Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action

**OPJC** has acquired a software package that is "cloud based" and continues to mitigate future loss of financial records through assessment and updates as necessary.

# Section II - Financial Statement Findings and Responses, Continued

#### **<u>Reference Number</u>**

2020-002

#### <u>Criteria</u>

Management is required to establish and maintain internal controls designed to reasonably ensure completeness in recorded financial transactions.

#### **Condition**

Our review of restitution payable, support payments due, and bonds outstanding in the Fiduciary Fund revealed significant rolling balances for a number of years without the benefit of any activity.

In addition, **OPJC** is unable to produce an accurate detail of the balances in these accounts.

#### **Context**

Total liabilities for the Fiduciary Fund at December 31, 2020 were \$542,524.

#### **Questioned Costs**

None.

#### <u>Cause</u>

Lack of an established system to ensure the accumulation of required data to include the periodic analysis and reconciliation of all significant general ledger control accounts.

Section II - Financial Statement Findings and Responses, Continued

# **Reference Number**, Continued

2020-002

## **Effect or Potential Effect**

Potential for misstatement in prepared financial statements.

#### **Recommendation**

The fiscal administrator has initiated a review and we recommend that **OPJC** investigates the nature of these balances and that any invalid payables be disposed of. We also recommend that **OPJC** began reconciling these accounts on a timely basis to ensure that all activity is being appropriately accounted for on a current basis. Such a process should provide for a timely assessment of data needed for all court ordered collections.

#### **Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan**

A partial detail listing of all participants for the restitution and bond accounts has been prepared. **OPJC** is still in the process of locating files and establishing a procedure to move forward with the full resolution of this matter.

# Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No federal award findings and questioned costs were reported for the year ended December 31, 2020.

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### Section IV - Status of Prior Year's Findings and Responses

#### **Reference Number**

2019-001

#### <u>Criteria</u>

Management is responsible for the design, implementation and operation of internal controls to safeguard assets of **OPJC**. Further the design and operation of **OPJC's** internal control should ensure that employees and management are able to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements in a timely manner in the course of performing their assigned functions.

#### **Condition**

On December 8, 2019, **OPJC's** financial data base application to include other records generated using installed software for operations located on the City of New Orleans' server, were subjected to a cyber breach. As a result of the breach, **OPJC's** financial and other data were compromised for all data located on the server through October 31, 2019. Through April 30, 2021, **OPJC** has had limited access to its financial data and has had to reconstruct its financial data for 2019.

As a result of the reconstruction, the general ledger provided in connection with the audit reflects an out of balance condition of \$54,196. Further, other than the "on behalf" payments from the City of New Orleans and the Supreme Court, salaries (supported by W-2's and IRS Form 1096), we were unable to through the use of alternative procedures conclude on the completeness of total revenues and expenses of \$4,255,827 and \$4,214,347, respectively recorded on **OPJC's** financial statements.

Further, the financial statements also reflected other payables for which we are unable to evidence their validity.

# Section IV - Status of Prior Year's Findings and Responses, Continued

#### Reference Number, Continued

2019-001

#### **Context**

Total amount of revenues and expenses for the year ended December 31, 2019 were \$4,255,827 and \$4,214,347.

#### <u>Cause</u>

The result of a cyber breach on the City of New Orleans' server which "houses" **OPJC's** complete financial records and other data.

#### Effect or Potential Effect

Impact of the referenced condition includes incomplete financial statements from which management and the en banc will rely on to make informed decisions.

#### **Recommendation**

We recommend that management review its financial statements for completeness and revisit with its current policies and procedures to ensure that it mitigates the potential for loss of records that may result from a cyber attack to include a system "crash".

#### Current Status

Unresolved. See current year's finding reference number 2020-001.

# Section IV - Status of Prior Year's Findings and Responses, Continued

#### Reference Number

2019-002

# **Criteria**

Management is required to establish and maintain internal controls designed to reasonably ensure completeness in recorded financial transactions.

## **Condition**

Our review of restitution payable, support payments due, and bonds outstanding in the Fiduciary Fund revealed significant rolling balances for a number of years without the benefit of any activity.

In addition, OPJC is unable to produce an accurate detail of the balances in these accounts.

This condition is similar to a prior year's findings reference number 2018-001.

## <u>Context</u>

Total liabilities for the Fiduciary Fund at December 31, 2019 were \$522,084.

#### **Cause**

Lack of an established system to ensure the accumulation of required data to include the periodic analysis and reconciliation of all significant general ledger control accounts.

## Effect or Potential Effect

Potential for misstatement in prepared financial statements.

# Section IV - Status of Prior Year's Findings and Responses, Continued

# **Reference Number, Continued**

2019-002

#### **Recommendation**

The fiscal administrator has initiated a review and we recommend that **OPJC** investigates the nature of these balances and that any invalid payables be disposed of. We also recommend that **OPJC** began reconciling these accounts on a timely basis to ensure that all activity is being appropriately accounted for on a current basis. Such a process should provide for a timely assessment of data needed for all court ordered collections.

#### **Current Status**

Unresolved. See current year's finding reference number 2020-002.

# **ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT**

#### EXIT CONFERENCE

An exit conference and other meetings were held with representatives of **Orleans Parish Juvenile Court**. The contents of this report were discussed and management is in agreement. Those persons who participated in this and previous discussions are as follows:

#### **ORLEANS PARISH JUVENILE COURT**

Yolanda Johnson

-- Fiscal Administrator

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO INTERNAL CONTROL

To the Honorable Judges *En Banc* **Orleans Parish Juvenile Court** New Orleans, Louisiana

Management of **Orleans Parish Juvenile Court (OPJC)** is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of **OPJC** as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, we considered **OPJC's** internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of **OPJC's** internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of **OPJC's** internal control.

We discussed with management the current status of prior year's other matters. We previously reported on **OPJC's** internal control in our report dated December 22, 2021. This letter does not affect our report dated December 22, 2021 on the financial statements of **OPJC**.

We will review the status of the other matters during our next engagement. We have already discussed these other matters with **OPJC's** personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss these other matters in further detail at your convenience.

# Current Year's Other Matters 2020

Our discussion of current year's other matters follows:

#### **Reference Number**

OM 2020-001

#### <u>Criteria</u>

Management of **OPJC** is responsible for the design, implementation and operation of internal control to safeguard the assets of **OPJC**. Further the design and operation of **OPJC's** internal control should ensure that employees and management are able to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements in a timely manner in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

#### **Condition**

Our testwork performed on sampled cash disbursements transactions revealed the following conditions:

- In one (1) of seventy (70) cash disbursement documents reviewed, we noted where the documentation provided reflected expenses for training, but coded to a supplies and materials category. It is our understanding through discussion with management that the classification was based on the grant award cost line item.
- For two (2) of the seventy (70) disbursement transactions, we noted where the supporting documents were not in agreement with the disbursed amount.
- Further in one (1) instance we noted where an invoice was processed twice for payment.

# Current Year's Other Matters, Continued 2020

# Reference Number, Continued

OM 2020-001

#### **Context**

Total revenues including on-behalf payments for the year ended December 31, 2020 were \$4,247,228 and total expenses were \$4,221,275.

#### <u>Cause</u>

Level of oversight afforded.

#### **Effect or Potential Effect**

Potential for inaccurate financial statements.

#### **Recommendation**

Institute a quality control process to ensure completeness in its monthly disbursement processes to include an enhanced oversight.

#### Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action

Management will enhance its oversight to minimize, if not eliminate the referenced condition.

# Current Year's Other Matters, Continued 2020

# **Reference Number**

OM 2020-002

#### **Criteria**

Management is responsible for the design, implementation and operation of internal controls to safeguard assets of **OPJC**. Further the design and operation of **OPJC's** internal control should ensure that employees and management are able to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements in a timely manner in the course of performing their assigned functions.

#### **Condition**

Our testing of contractor (vendor) payments to executed contracts revealed the following conditions:

- In one (1) of eight (8) contractor payments, management was unable to locate an executed contract; and
- In two (2) of eight (8) contractor payments, the recorded contract payments varied from the respective executed contract amounts and the filed IRS Form 1099.

# Current Year's Other Matters, Continued 2020

# **<u>Reference Number</u>**, Continued

OM 2020-002

## **Context**

Total expenses for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$4,221,275.

#### <u>Cause</u>

Lack of an effective system in place to ensure completeness in monthly and annual financial closing activities.

## **Effect or Potential Effect**

Potential impact of the referenced condition includes incomplete financial statements from which management and the en banc will rely on to make informed decisions to include potential for misappropriation of assets.

#### **Recommendation**

We recommend that management revisits with its established policies and procedures to ensure compliance.

# Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action

Management will review the conditions noted and resolve by no later than September 30, 2022.

# Current Year's Other Matters, Continued 2020

# Reference Number

OM 2020-003

# <u>Criteria</u>

Management of **OPJC** is responsible for the design, implementation and operation of internal control to safeguard the assets of **OPJC**. Further the design and operation of **OPJC's** internal control should ensure that employees and management are able to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements in a timely manner in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

# **Condition**

Our testwork performed on twenty-seven (27) sampled journal entries revealed the following conditions:

- In all twenty-seven (27) instances, we noted no documented evidence of the preparer and supervisory review and approval beyond that of the preparer.
- In one (1) instance, we noted where the transaction was posted to an incorrect general ledger account based on nature of expense.

# **Context**

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Total revenues including on-behalf payments for the year ended December 31, 2020 were \$4,247,228 and total expenses were \$4,221,275.

# Current Year's Other Matters, Continued 2020

# **Reference Number**, Continued

OM 2020-003

#### <u>Cause</u>

Level of oversight afforded.

#### **Effect or Potential Effect**

Potential for inaccurate financial statements coupled with the possibility for duplicate payments to vendors.

#### **Recommendation**

Institute a quality control process to ensure completeness in its monthly disbursement processes to include an enhanced oversight.

# **Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action**

Management will enhance its oversight to minimize, if not eliminate the referenced condition.

# Current Year's Other Matters, Continued 2020

#### **Reference Number**, Continued

OM 2020-004

#### **Criteria**

Management is responsible for the design, implementation and operation of internal controls to safeguard assets of **OPJC**. Further the design and operation of **OPJC's** internal control should ensure that employees and management are able to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements in a timely manner in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

#### **Condition**

A review of various general ledger account balances revealed liability accounts with unchanged balances between years.

#### <u>Context</u>

Total amount of liabilities at December 31, 2020 was \$520,290.

#### **Cause**

Lack of an effective system in place to ensure completeness in monthly and annual financial closing activities.

# Current Year's Other Matters, Continued 2020

# Reference Number, Continued

OM 2020-004

## **Effect or Potential Effect**

Potential impact of the referenced condition includes incomplete financial statements from which management and the en banc will rely on to make informed decisions to include potential misappropriation of assets.

#### **Recommendation**

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We recommend that management revisits with its established policies and procedures to ensure compliance.

# Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action

Management will revisit with the cited accounts and resolve by no later than September 30, 2022.

# Status of Prior Year's Other Matters 2019

Our discussion of the status of prior year's other matters follows:

# Reference Number

OM 2019-001

# **Criteria**

Management of **OPJC** is responsible for the design, implementation and operation of internal control to safeguard the assets of **OPJC**. Further the design and operation of **OPJC's** internal control should ensure that employees and management are able to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements in a timely manner in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

# **Condition**

Our testwork performed on sampled cash disbursements transactions, revealed the following conditions:

- In six (6) of ninety-eight (98) cash disbursements reviewed, we noted no documented evidence of cancellation to avoid further use.
- In twelve (12) instances of the referenced sample, we noted no documented evidence of mathematical verification of the paid invoice.
- For one (1) of the ninety-eight (98) disbursement transactions, we noted an incorrect distribution to a general ledger account.

# Status of Prior Year's Other Matters, Continued 2019

# **<u>Reference Number</u>**, Continued

OM 2019-001

## **Context**

Total revenues including on-behalf payments for the year ended December 31, 2019 were \$4,255,827 and total expenses were \$4,214,347.

## <u>Cause</u>

Level of oversight afforded.

### Effect or Potential Effect

Potential for inaccurate financial statements coupled with the possibility for duplicate payments to vendors.

#### **Recommendation**

Institute a quality control process to ensure completeness in its monthly disbursement processes to include an enhanced oversight.

## **Current Status**

Partially resolved.

# Status of Prior Year's Other Matters, Continued 2019

Reference Number OM 2019-002

# <u>Criteria</u>

Management is responsible for the design, implementation and operation of internal controls to safeguard assets of **OPJC**. Further the design and operation of **OPJC**'s internal control should ensure that employees and management are able to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements in a timely manner in the course of performing their assigned functions.

## **Condition**

A review of the bank account reconciliations at December 31, 2019 revealed the following conditions:

- Noted stale dated checks totaling \$396.77 reflected on various bank account reconciliations.
- Noted no documented evidence of supervisory review on all bank account reconciliations.
- There were several reconciling items (bank deposit, errors, etc.) from all bank account reconciliations that needed to be recorded on the respective general ledger. Six (6) of the items were over a year old.
- Also, noted out of balance amounts on selected bank account reconciliations.

This condition is similar to prior year's other matter reference number 2018-001.

# Status of Prior Year's Other Matters, Continued 2019

#### Reference Number, Continued

OM 2019-002

#### **Context**

Total amount of cash at December 31, 2019 was \$1,155,387.

#### <u>Cause</u>

Lack of an effective system in place to ensure completeness in monthly and annual financial closing activities. This condition was further impacted by the reference cyber attack resulting in **OPJC's** inability to retrieve all data.

#### **Effect or Potential Effect**

Potential impact of the referenced condition includes incomplete financial statements from which management and the en banc will rely on to make informed decisions to include potential misappropriation of assets.

#### **Recommendation**

We recommend that management revisits with its established policies and procedures to ensure compliance.

#### Current Status

Resolved.

**OPJC's** response to the other matters identified in our audit is described in the accompanying report on other matters related to internal control under the caption "Management's Response and Planned Corrective Action" and/or "Current Status". We did not audit **OPJC's** response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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As always, we appreciate the courtesies extended to us by you and your staff during our audit. Should you have any questions or require further details, please do not hesitate to call.

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